IN THE CLAIMS:

These claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the present application.

1. (Original) A sealant epoxy-resin molding material, comprising an epoxy resin (A) and a hardening agent (B), wherein the epoxy resin (A) contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (I):

[Formula 1]

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R^{1} \\
n
\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R^{2} \\$$

(in General Formula (I), R¹ represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, and the groups R¹ may be the same as or different from each other; n is an integer of 0 to 4; R² represents a groups selected from substituted or unsubstituted hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms and the groups R² may be the same as or different from each other; and m is an integer of 0 to 6).

2. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1, wherein the hardening agent (B) contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (II):

[Formula 2]

$$\begin{array}{c} OH \\ \hline \\ \\ P \end{array} \\ CH_2 \\ \hline \\ CH_2 \\ \hline \\ CH_2 \\ \hline \\ R \end{array} \\ CH_2 \\ \hline \\ CH_2 \\ \hline \\ R \end{array} \\ (II)$$

(wherein, R represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom and substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and n is an integer of 0 to 10).

- 3. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 1-or 2, further comprising a hardening accelerator (C).
- 4. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, wherein the hardening accelerator (C) is triphenylphosphine.
- 5. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, wherein the hardening accelerator (C) is an adduct of a tertiary phosphine compound and a quinone compound.
- 6. (Currently Amended)The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 1 to 5Claim 1, further comprising an inorganic filler (D).
- 7. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 6, wherein the content of the inorganic filler (D) is 60 to 95 wt % with respect to the sealant epoxy-resin molding material.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 6-or 7, wherein the content of the inorganic filler (D) is 70 to 90 wt % with respect to the sealant epoxy-resin molding material.

- 9. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to<u>-any</u> one of Claims 1 to 8Claim 1, further comprising a coupling agent (E).
- 10. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 9, wherein the coupling agent (E) contains a secondary amino group-containing silane-coupling agent.
- 11. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 10, wherein the secondary amino group-containing silane-coupling agent contains a compound represented by the following General Formula (III):

[Formula 3]

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R^{1} & & \\ \hline & NH + \left(CH_{2}\right)_{n} & Si + \left(OR^{3}\right)_{m} \\ \hline & R^{2}_{3-m} \end{array}$$
 (III)

(wherein, R¹ represents a group selected from a hydrogen atom, alkyl groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, and alkoxy group having 1 to 2 carbon atoms; R² represents a group selected from alkyl groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms and a phenyl group; R³ represents a methyl or ethyl group; n is an integer of 1 to 6; and m is an integer of 1 to 3).

- 12. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 1 to 11 Claim 1, wherein the epoxy resin (A) and the hardening agent (B) are melt-mixed previously.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 1 to 12 Claim 1, further comprising a silicon-containing polymer (F) having the following bonds (c) and (d), a terminal selected from R¹, a hydroxyl group and alkoxy groups, and an epoxy equivalence of 500 to 4,000.

[Formula 4]

$$--O-\stackrel{R^1}{\stackrel{j}{=}}O-$$
 (c) $--O-\stackrel{R^1}{\stackrel{j}{=}}O-$ (d)

(wherein, R¹ represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms; the groups R¹ in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same as or different from each other; and X represents an epoxy group-containing monovalent organic group).

14. (Original) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 13, wherein the silicon-containing polymer (F) has the following bond (e) additionally:

[Formula 5]

$$--O - Si - O - (e)$$

$$R^{1}$$

(wherein, R¹ represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms; and the groups R¹ in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same as or different from each other).

15. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 13-or 14, wherein the softening temperature of the silicon-containing polymer (F) is 40°C or higher and 120°C or lower.

16. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 13 to 15Claim 13, wherein R¹ in the silicon-containing polymer (F) is at least

one of a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl group and a substituted or unsubstituted methyl group.

17. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 13 to 16 Claim 13, wherein the rate of substituted or unsubstituted phenyl groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms in all groups R¹ in the silicon-containing polymer (F) is 60 to 100 mol %.

18. (Currently Amended) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 1 to 17 Claim 1, further comprising at least one of a compound (G) represented by Compositional Formula (XXXXIX) and a compound (H) represented by the following Compositional Formula (XXXXXIX):

(Formula 6)

 $Mg_{1-x}Al_x(OH)_2(CO_3)_{x/2}\cdot mH_2O(XXXXIX)$

 $(0 < X \le 0.5)$; and m is a positive number), and

(Formula 7)

 $BiO_x(OH)_v(NO_3)_z(XXXXXIX)$

 $(0.9 \le x \le 1.1, 0.6 \le y \le 0.8, \text{ and } 0.2 \le z \le 0.4).$

19. (Currently Amended) An electronic component device, comprising an element sealed with the sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to any one of Claims 1 to 18Claim 13.

20. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 6, further comprising a coupling agent (E).

21. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 20, further comprising a silicon-containing polymer (F) having the following bonds (c) and (d), a

terminal selected from R¹, a hydroxl group and alkoxy groups, and an epoxy equivalence of 500 to 4,000.

(wherein, R¹ represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms; the groups R¹ in the siliconcontaining polymer may be the same as or different from each other; and X represents an epoxy group-containing monovalent organic group).

- 22. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising an inorganic filler (D).
- 23. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising a coupling agent (E).
- 24. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, wherein the epoxy resin (A) and the hardening agent (B) are melt-mixed previously.
- 25. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising a silicon-containing polymer (F) having the following bonds (c) and (d), a terminal selected from R¹, a hydroxyl group and alkoxy groups, and an epoxy equivalence of 500 to 4,000.

[Formula 4]

(wherein, R¹ represents a group selected from substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon groups having 1 to 12 carbon atoms; the groups R¹ in the silicon-containing polymer may be the same as or different from each other; and X represents an epoxy group-containing monovalent organic group).

26. (NEW) The sealant epoxy-resin molding material according to Claim 3, further comprising at least one of a compound (G) represented by Compositional Formula (XXXXIX) and a compound (H) represented by the following Compositional Formula (XXXXXIX):

(Formula 6)

 $Mg_{1-x}Al_x(OH)_2(CO_3)_{x/2}\cdot mH_2O(XXXXIX)$

 $(0 < X \le 0.5)$; and m is a positive number, and

(Formula 7)

 $BiO_x(OH)_v(NO_3)_z(XXXXXIX)$

 $(0.9 \le x \le 1.1, 0.6 \le y \le 0.8, \text{ and } 0.2 \le z \le 0.4).$